Interview: Dialogue With Sheikh Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, Part Four
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Here is Part Four of the interview titled "Dialogue With Sheikh Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, a never before published document released by Al-Frqan Foundation for Media Production that is an lengthy discussion with Sheikh Zarqawi, may Allah have mercy on him.

This in-depth interview, some 33 pages in Arabic, was conducted over a year ago by Abu Al-Baghdadi on behalf of the media committee for Al-Qaeda in Iraq and covers Zarqawi's journey to Tawheed, his experience in Afghanistan at the time of the Soviet withdrawal and the situation at the time in Iraq.

Alhamdulilah, we are pleased to present Part Four due to the diligence of the JUS translation team. In this segment, Zarqawi continues his clarification on why the Mujahideen are fighting the Shiites. We ask for your patience as JUS translators work this hefty document as we endeavor to provide you with the complete text in its entirety.

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DIALOGUE WITH SHEIKH ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQAWI - PART THREE

Baghdadi: Okay, what is the story of exception?

Zarqawi: It was a must for us from the very beginning to understand the legal ruling. When we attacked the Shiites and later declaring war on them following the Talalar incident, the issue did not arise out of nothing. We understand the role of the Shiites now and that they are the members of the army and the police. The Americans have begun to depend on them entirely. When we declared war on them, we wanted to scare them, and if that was not effective then we would treat them the same way (as the Americans). These Shiites come to us from the south, they come feeling secure and confident (concerning the well being) about their families and children in Basra or in Nasiriyyah or in Amarah. The destruction of Tal'afar with chemical bombs, humiliating the women, stealing their money and killing the men and children under orders from Saadoun al-Dulaimi (a Baath Party member who was the Iraqi Ministry of Defence at the time). He claims to be a Sunni but in reality he is an enemy of Allah. His mother is a Shia and she influences him and his wife is a Shia and she influences him while and being a Sunni has no influence on him. At the time of the attack on Tal'afar, he declared very arrogantly, "We are coming". He threatened the Ahl as Sunnah by saying he would proceed to Rawah, Qaim, Hadithah and then to Samarraa to do the same there.

Does it not become permissible after this that we take steps to restrain this thoughtless enemy of Allah?

The defense ministry did not come with armies from India or from Germany. No. They bring them from the Shiites and we, if we fight them, treat them in the same way. As you kill our men, we will kill your men; as you kill our women, we kill your women; as you kill our children, we kill your children. We treat them as they treat us so that when they know that their own houses are not safe and their families are not safe, they will think a thousand times over before attacking the places of Ahl as Sunnah. And these families
will no doubt press their sons and stand in front of the government before they think of killing the Ahl as Sunnah. And we declare openly to the Shiites, "you destroy our houses we will destroy your houses; you kill our people, we will kill your people, an equal action for an action.

As for the matter of a united Iraq and sparing the blood of the Iraqi's, this is a misguided call that snatches a Muslim's identity, leaving him weak and dead without providing him any protection or securing his honor. The Shariah permits a Muslim to kill another Muslim who is imposing on him to take his money or to strip his honor, so if it is permitted to kill a Muslim, then what about the enemy who is a murtad (disbeliever after belief) and who thinks it a necessity to kill you or silence you?

And now we come to the case of exception and I say this. The exception comes on the basis that there are Shiites who fear the danger of the consequences of entering into a war with the Ahl as Sunnah. And from here it was very necessary to make exceptions so we say to the Shiites, "If you want safety, stop attacking our people, stop supporting the Americans and open the way between us and the Crusaders.

Baghdadi: There are those who say that this generalization is not correct because among the Shiites there are those who have enmity with the Jews like Hezbollah?

Zarqawi: The people of knowledge have agreed that the Shiites are the worst liars of creation. Ibn Taymiyah said, "The people of knowledge have agreed by transfer and through (authentic) chain (of narrations) that the Shiites are the worst of liars of the sects and have a long history of lying." That is why the scholars of Islam identify them by excessive lying. As the Sheikh al Islam Ibn at Taymiyyah has said, "And the Shiites are the greatest in showing affection for the Ahl as Sunnah and they do not show their religion to the extent that they have learnt many of the merits of the Sahabah (companions of the Prophet) and beliefs, for praising them, and all that is nonsense by which they gain access to the Ahl as Sunnah." This is the saying of the Sheikh al Islam in their manhaj (way) so this is their religion, the religion of lying and that's why it is good or obligatory on the Ahl as Sunnah to know their condition and know that the Shiites are the fiercest enemies of Islam may it be in Iraq or anywhere else. And we know from them that they have wicked plans and work in secrecy. The stage plays of Hasan Narsallah fighting against the Jews must be warned against. Hezbollah or Hezbo-a-shaitan is among the worst of enemies of Islam, from the most wicked tribes of the Shiites, presenting a wicked role and is deceiving the Ummah as the fighters of the Jews for 20 years.

When Hamas performed a military parade in Gaza, the Israeli fighter jets immediately bombarded their positions and killed many of their members. They killed Ahmed Yaseen when he came out of the masjid (even though) he was a crippled man. Yet Hasan Nasrallah works out a military show in a huge ground in Beirut and it is shown live on TV and transferred over radios. He sits on a shaded stage with his men around him. The regiments and military segments of Hezbollah pass in front of him. And that continues for hours and Hasan Nasrallah says day and night, that Hezbollah is the one that has put Israel to its knees and make it pull out from the south and from the Shabaa farms and his army is for fighting the Zionist enemy. Day and night his propaganda is clearly one of enmity against the Jews and the Zionists. Does it make sense that Sharon and those behind him would keep quiet on this constant and continuous danger at its border? Do they (Zionists) remain quiet in spite of the great danger when they did not stay quiet on Ahmed Yaseen and he is a crippled man?

So this is a whole game, clearly a stage play, for Israel cannot remain quiet on any danger that threatens it, no matter what kind of danger it is. And that is why it didn't remain quiet on the nuclear doings of Iraq and hit it in spite of the wickedness of the regime at that time, and its open globalization. Naturally, the scariest thing for them (Zionists) is the rise of Islam and the reemergence of Jihad. As for Hasan Nasrallah and his Shia group, they (Zionists) have left it alone and ignored it and that’s why the declaration of Hezbollah’s jihad on Israel is nothing but an open deception. The aim is to elevate the Shia sect and to
cover over the Alqami role that the Rafid group of Hasan Nasrllah has adopted. It (Hezbollah) is to protect the border of Israel and not the other way around by stopping the Mujahideen of the Ahl as Sunnah from reaching Israel.

And by Allah the army of Hasan Nasrllah hasn’t been strengthened and aided and prepared by anyone except by the global Zionists and by Allah this army is not being prepared except to fight the Ahl as Sunnah in the future. We warn the Ummah about these people. They say, if we say something like this: "the man wants to incite sectarian violence. But tomorrow the Ummah will know the reality of these people. This is Iran; its uprising was based on nothing except to declare war on the Big Satan, and when the time to fight the Big Satan came, it allied with it and provided a base to invade Afghanistan and stabilize parts of the Big Satan in Iraq. Until now, they are mocking the people by stressing the Palestinian issue yet what is their position if they are allies and on good terms with the Big Satan? How long will the Ummah remain unaware and how long will it be deceived? Hasan Nasrllah sits for hours in the governance of military show and it is telecast life on the TV for several hours and the Israeli jets cannot bomb it? Who are they kidding?

We believe that these Shiites are deceivers and that they are the dagger with which the Jews will stab the back of the Islamic Ummah. For this reason we warn the Ummah about them and their devilish plans and we call the Ummah to take precautions and totally arm. This opponent is wicked and cunning, so be careful lest they deceive you by the sweetness of their tongue, for they are the worst of the enemies of the Ummah, their religion is secrecy and lies. Go to their books and read about the "revised authentics" they adopt:

"There is no religion for the one who has no secretive self."

And this is how they portray Jafar by creating lies about him:

"Secrecy is my religion and the religion of my forefathers".

Do you want more proof of this? And after that you feel grief eating your heart when you read many of the Muslim writers from the Islamic groups who are deceived by Hasan Nasrllah and these Shiites, and write that Hasan Nasrllah, is the "sign" of resistance. How long will the Ummah be fooled? By Allah Sharon knows that the borders guarded by Hasan Nasrllah are safer than when they were being protected by his army. And can any human creep in to perform an operation in the areas that are controlled by Hezbollah?

These Shiites are from the evilest of people; they ridicule our mother Aishah and attack in the honor of our Prophet (peace be upon him), and scorn the Sahabah, so we say to those who are deceived by them: These Shiites ridicule our mother Aishah and accuse her of adultery and she is the wife of the Prophet (peace be upon him). I say to those who support them, or remain quiet about their evil, or see them as brothers, if just one person ridiculed the wife of that man, and accused him of dishonor and attacked his family with andusatinns of adultery what would his rearinn hp? Thp least that will comp frnm him is hatred. If he is not able to take his right by his hand, then in the least he will turn his face from him and abhor him and be hard on talks about him. And despite the fact that the honor of Aishah is more beloved to the Muslims than almost anything, people remain silent on the crimes of the Shiites, and their attack in the honor of Aishah, the wife of the Prophet (peace be upon him). How do they permit this for themselves, and how will they find the sweetness of faith in their hearts if they are supporting this?

Baghdadi: Is it possible to have peace pacts with these Shiites?
Zarqawi: These are a people concealing and cheating, and if you keep quiet concerning them, they won't keep quiet in return! And if you want to make peace with them they would not make peace with you. And if they made peace with you seemingly, they make peace as a deception until they can get rid of you. This is the same case with the ordinary Shiites. Maybe one of them may invite you to his house, from the door of deception and feed you from his food and drink and be generous to you but after you leave, he breaks the vessels, preferring that to washing it because he believes that the water can not purify it from the impurity of the Sunni. Even the bed, they burn it, many of them. So if this is the condition of the ordinary Shia, then what is the condition of their "Aayaat" (great religious scholar as are known with them)?

Baghdadi: Is there any difference between Shiites?

Zarqawi: Be careful about the fact that the Shiite's today are all Shiites, and even the "Zaidi" madhab has been studied and has become extinct. In Yemen the Shiites are now 12 percent (of the population). On the other hand if you bring me someone who does not say evil about Abu Bakr, Omar and Othman, may Allah be pleased with all of them, and does not accuse Aishah, may Allah be pleased with her, of adultery, then the ruling concerning them will be different. But even this does not excuse them from repenting for their disbelief because the group that is away only by a thorn fights, even if it was of people who innovate in matters that are not nullifiers of the faith.

Baghdadi: So that it is not imposed on the people they claim that they are the Ansar (supporters) of the people of the House (the Prophets family) and they call us 'Nawasib' and claim that we hate the people of the House?

Zarqawi: This is not correct. We are the supporters of the people of the house. The ones who were on the correct Aqeedah and way of the Ahl al Bait (people of the House) were the Sahabah, and the Ahl al Bait are innocent from what these people associate them with. The Ahl al Bait did not leave the guidance of the Quran and the Sunnah. Ahl al Bait are amongst those who glorify Aishah, the wife of the Prophet (peace be upon him), and they are the ones who do not associate anything with Allah, and Ahl at Bait do not claim to be sinless. Ahl al Bait are the Ahl as Sunnah, and Ahl al Bait are the people dearer to our hearts, for they are the family of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

As for these Shiites then they claim the love of Ahl al Bait, while in reality they are the worst of the enemies of the Ahl al Bait. In reality hate Ali (r.a.), as they claim that all the Sahabah disbelieved (after belief), except Salmaan Al Farsi (r.a.) ... So this is their history, a testimony to their lie in claiming the love of Ahl al Bait, who is the one who betrayed Ali (r.a.), al Hasan bin Ali (r.a.) when he signed peace with Muaviyah. What was the reason?

They were betrayed by those who claimed the love of the people of the House, and he knew that they are not of those who would fight with him to victory, so he chose peace and what a great pact it was, and enough for you is the glad tiding given by the Prophet to the Ummah concerning that great pact that joined between two groups of Muslims. Who was it that betrayed Aqeel and gave him up and killed Husain (r.a.)? Was all that not because of the betrayal of the Shiites? For all these (reasons), they are enemies of the Ahl al Bait and the difference between the Shiites and the Ahl al Bait is like the difference between the east and the west. The Ahl as Sunnah are the supporters of the Ahl al Bait and their beloved and on their path they walk and for their love they remain faithful.

Baghdadi: We now come to the mention of the accusation of the Jama'a and at the tongue of their Ameer (leader) that they are threatening the Ahl as Sunnah. Then... what do you say to that?

Zarqawi: By Allah, extremely sadly, the speech has been forged on purpose, by some... for does it make
sense that we threaten the Ahl as Sunnah and we —Allah knows— did not come out of our houses except to help the Muslims and to protect the Ahl as Sunnah in particular. A man from Ahl as Sunnah is more dearer to us than our own self, and these migrants who have come from their houses keen to protect "their" honor left their houses and parted with the loved ones to protect the Muslim men and women and their religion. How does it make sense that we fight the Ahl as Sunnah. This statement sadly was bogus and you know the media! And there are many who carried the speech putting a different face on it despite the fact that we said very clearly and we say to the brothers, and Allah knows the secret and the hidden, by Allah we have not come out of our houses except to protect the Ahl as Sunnah.

There are more than 3000 martyrs from the ranks of the migrants until now...these people for whom did they die? Is it for the world?

Allah knows that they did not die except for the victory of the religion and the protection of the Ahl as Sunnah on this land that has been colonized by the Crusaders, with the Shiites joining with the in their fight. So how can it be right after that, that we are fighting the Ahl as Sunnah?

We said in the address that the Ahl as Sunnah have the white hand in the uplifting of jihad, for the Al-Qaeda organization in the land of the Two Rivers has been built on the Ahl as Sunnah in Iraq (as the percentage of the Ahl as Sunnah from Iraq makes up 99% and the migrants constitute 1%). So from the sons of the Ahl as Sunnah, the organization took up its existence and after that, the doors were opened for it. The brothers took it into their breasts by coming to this place, contributing and getting contributions, pledging allegiance to it and cooperating in other ways to help the Muslims.

We had warned, and we know, that there are some traitors who co-operated with the Crusaders and plotted against the Mujahideen in secret. They called the disbelieving government and offered them cooperation in order to destroy the Mujahideen and some of them called Saadoun al-Dulaimi to make arrangements with him to fulfill their sinful project to silence the jihad in the Mujahid lands of Ribat and the land of Anbar. This matter is not new on the part of the hypocrites for they had betrayed the Prophet before, and they had secretly contacted the enemies of the religion and this is a matter that keeps on repeating to this day. Our warning was directed to these people, and we told them that who ever plots against us we would treat them with the same treatment we give the Americans. This is a clear matter and we have relayed this matter clearly and we are still repeating it. What else would people expect from us; to remain quiet until the Americans are done with us?

So is anyone is proved to be involved in this, then, revenge (Qisas) is his fate if Allah gives us authority over him then we will not have mercy on him. This is a case of jihad and the case of the Ummah and the mind does not have any preference over religion that we keep quiet on such people.

But for the people of Ahl as Sunnah, our brothers and our family, we seek refuge from Allah that we should ever target them, or that we should touch their honor. We do not differentiate in the rules of Riddah (disbelief after belief) between those who claim to be from the Ahl as Sunnah or other than Ahl as Sunnah for the Muslims generally, their Sunnah or Bide’e (innovative). Our gathering with them is a gathering of Tawheed and we may separate from those who commit certain innovations but we do not raise the sword on him, just because he has committed an innovation, but for those who claim to be from Ahl as Sunnah and takes by its rules and on the other hand sides the disbelief and supports them against the Muslims then he is a Murtad and deserves to be killed. The Muslim who innovates is better to the fill of earth than this claimer to the Ahl as Sunnah who commits the nullifier of backing the enemies of Allah. And for this person who sides with our enemies, the Crusaders, then their ruling is his ruling and this is the rule of Allah concerning him (Surah maidah 51). So the ruling is clear and the matter is closed.